

SPIRITED BATTLE
OFF PORT ARTHUR
ON THURSDAY.

Russian Battleship of the Porovist Type Reported Sunk by Admiral Togo--Another Battleship Damaged.

RUSSIAN CRUISER
WAS DISABLED

Japanese Ships Suffered No Material Damage--Attack on Fortresses of Port Arthur Followed Battle.

Tokio, June 25.—Admiral Togo reports that there was a naval battle off Port Arthur Thursday in which a Russian battleship resembling the Porovist, was sunk. Another battleship of the Sebastopol type was damaged. A Russian cruiser resembling the Diana was disabled. The Japanese warships were not materially damaged.

RUSSIA'S AID TO THE UNION.

Sent Fleet When England and France Favored the South, Recalls a Correspondent.

Editor Times:—So many years have elapsed since the great civil war that the generation which has come on the stage since, at least a large part of it, are almost as little versed in the history of that war as was the generation which fought it in regard to all the details of the American Revolution. Ingratitude is not a noble impulse but excusable when made from misunderstanding. Few old veterans or Union men who know all the facts of Russia's aid to the Union in the darkest days of the civil war will have the heart to be outspokenly anti-Russian in her fight with Japan even though the former may have slightly transgressed.

J. H. Roe, in the Washington Post very truly says that "There ever will be a difference of opinion relative to the call of McClellan from the James, the real reason for which was the suspension of enlistments the previous winter; therefore President Lincoln could not furnish the necessary reinforcements."

"A swapping of queens, capital for capital, had been urged at Richmond and was now feared in Washington. The army had lost heavily in the battles fought, and that great enemy of armies, disease, had made serious reductions. McClellan had organized a secret service under Mr. Allen (Pinkerton), well known to him in Chicago in the management of the Illinois Central railroad, and 1,000 passes were secured bearing the great seal of the Confederacy, and this service kept him informed and notified him July last there were 150,000 Confederates that could be concentrated against him. Had the swapping of queens been attempted, McClellan, after getting the fleet up to hold Richmond could scarcely have reached Washington to save it."

"Owing to the lack of troops in the fall the Army of the West was back on the Ohio and Lee was north of the Potomac. Lee was expelled from Maryland. McClellan was relieved; two disastrous battles followed, after which forty New York two-year regiments were sent home and all the nine months men. And a Confederate loan was five times over-subscribed in Paris."

"During this winter of 1862-63 there were nearly 84,000 absentees without leave, nearly 3,000 of whom were officers, from the army, and from the army of the Cumberland 46,000, a much smaller army. The cause thereof must be charged to disasters, which should never have occurred."

"Read Gen. Meade's address to the army before the battle of Gettysburg for the seriousness of the occasion. Regiments fought there whose terms had expired. And in order to neutralize the effect of promised aid by England and France" (to the south) "the largest fleet, perhaps, ever floated by the waters of the Potomac lay before Washington—coming from the icy waters of the polar seas, where floats the elusive banner of the czar."

The moral effect the presence of this fleet had at the time will be well remembered by many old veterans of the civil war who recall that critically stirring period.

Washington, D. C.

June 20, 1904.

Tariff Rates for Panama Strip.

Washington, June 25.—Secretary Taft has issued an order making the terms of the Dingley act as to tariff rates applicable to the canal strip on the isthmus of Panama. He also issued an order providing for the establishment of postoffices on the canal strip.

CONVENTION OVER,
BUSINESS IMPROVES

Railway Earnings Surprisingly Satisfactory—Grain Prices Nearer to Normal.

New York, June 25.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Aside from the strike of garment workers developments of the past week have tended to strengthen confidence. One political convention has ended and, although its action was almost a foregone conclusion, the industrial atmosphere is slightly clearer. The fiscal year is drawing to a close with national finance in sound condition, the small shrinkage in federal customs receipts being no cause for uneasiness. The most important trade influence just now is the progress of the crops, and the past week has brought no setback. Reasonable weather has stimulated distribution of merchandise, retail business improving very noticeably at many cities, although it is not customary to find sales increasing at this time.

A fair jobbing trade in fall lines of wearing apparel is noted at Baltimore, where collections also improve. While no definite change in the volume of business is reported at Boston the tone is stronger and more confidence is felt. Electrical houses, shipyards and locomotive works are fairly busy at Philadelphia, but there is much idle textile machinery and new building operations are small. Pittsburgh reports a little increase in business and more confidence regarding the future, but payments are slow.

Railway Earnings Good.

Railway earnings thus far for June are surprisingly satisfactory, an increase over last year of 4.7 per cent being reported. Foreign commerce at this city for the last week shows a decrease of \$2,514,733 in value of exports as compared with last year and an increase of \$1,579,895 in imports. Money continues in greater supply than demand, call loans averaging 1 1/4 per cent for the week. Securities have received a little more attention, prices rising moderately, but the volume of sales still compares unfavorably with the same week last year. In view of this fact the comparison of bank exchanges at New York is most encouraging, the loss amounting to only 6.7 per cent, while at other leading cities the average decrease was 3.9 per cent.

Few changes are noted in the situation at iron furnaces and steel mills. A further decline early in the week carried cotton to much the lowest point of the season, and a heavy loss appeared in comparison with the same time in 1903, when prices were surpassing all records for that crop year. Some recovery followed when the market became oversold, but the tone is not strong, and there is reason to hope that ordinary conditions may be restored in the near future.

Grain Prices Sag.

Grain prices have also sagged to a position where consumption is encouraged, and the whole situation becomes healthier as it gets nearer normal. Injury abroad gives domestic wheat some support, although there has appeared little increase in foreign demand thus far. Western receipts of wheat for the week were 1,675,442 bushels against 2,213,391 a year ago, and exports from all ports of the United States, flour included, amounted to 909,017 bushels compared with 2,780,400 last year, and 4,002,051 in 1901, when the output was abnormal. Receipts of 3,250,047 bushels of corn fell short of the 4,098,819 last year, and Atlantic coast shipments were only 326,825 bushels against 1,109,548 in 1903.

Liabilities of commercial failures thus far reported for June aggregated \$6,479,723, of which \$2,901,290 were in manufacturing, \$3,037,181 in trading and \$541,232 in other commercial lines. Failures this week numbered 227 in the United States against 223 last year and 32 in Canada compared with 19 a year ago.

American Salvationists in London.

London, June 25.—The arrival of 400 American members of the Salvation Army at Euston station was heralded by the waving of hundreds of stars and stripes from car windows and was the occasion for considerable enthusiasm and cosmopolitanism. The "American flying column," as it has been christened, and the picturesque variety of costume attracted a great crowd who gave the visitors a hearty welcome.

A Lieutenant Disappears.

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., June 25.—First Lieutenant William H. Plummer, Sixth infantry, regular army, has been missing for nearly a week. There is no reason known for his disappearance. He is a native of Rhode Island, thirty years old, served in a Massachusetts regiment in the Spanish-American war and was appointed to the regular army.

TWO CAPTIVES
ARE BACK

Perdicaris and Varley, Held by Bandit.

ENDURED MUCH HARDSHIP

Former Has Aged Considerably, But Thinks the Bandit Treated Him Well.

Tanger, June 25.—Jon Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley, who were captured by the bandit Ralsuli, have just arrived here. Perdicaris is very much fatigued after his long ride, but says he is glad to get back. He is greatly pleased with the reception accorded him by the townsmen, who met him in great numbers. Perdicaris suffered many hardships while in the hands of Ralsuli, although he says he does not think that those were the fault of the bandit chief and that he had every comfort possible under the circumstances.

OPPOSITION TO PROCTOR.

Middlebury Newspaper Makes a Bitter Attack.

Middlebury, June 24.—Considerable talk was occasioned here by the appearance of the Middlebury Register this morning with an editorial protest against Redfield Proctor for re-election by the Addison county Republican convention last week and a savage denunciation of Proctor's political methods. It was not supposed that there was anywhere in the county anything like organized or aggressive opposition to the senator, but the Register's comment today is taken to indicate that Joseph Battell, the owner of that paper, may have some idea of putting forward ex-Gov. John W. Stewart to succeed Proctor in the United States senate.

LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Boston Americans Continue to Fall Down.

Yesterday's American League scores: At Philadelphia, Philadelphia 8, Boston 4.

At Washington, New York 5, Washington 3 (10 innings).

At Detroit, Chicago 4, Detroit 0.

American League Standing.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	35	19	.648
New York	32	21	.604
Chicago	32	23	.582
Philadelphia	29	24	.547
Cleveland	26	24	.520
St. Louis	24	26	.480
Detroit	22	29	.433
Washington	9	43	.173

Yesterday's National League scores: At Brooklyn, Brooklyn 4, Philadelphia 3.

At Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 1.

National League Standing.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	35	19	.648
Chicago	32	21	.604
Cincinnati	34	21	.618
Pittsburgh	29	24	.547
St. Louis	26	24	.520
Brooklyn	23	28	.450
Boston	21	30	.410
Philadelphia	17	36	.320

Bell to Reduce His Army.

Denver, Colo., June 25.—The news that after a lengthy conference between Acting Governor Haggott and Adjutant General Bell a reduction of the military force in the Cripple Creek district and a change in the disposition of the remaining force have been determined on. "There is no prospect of martial law being declared or of that the military will be wholly withdrawn in the immediate future," said the general. "The step we are taking must not be construed to mean such withdrawal. Martial law and the soldiers are there to stay indefinitely. We simply have the situation so in hand as to be able to rearrange the force to our advantage."

Another Elmira Theater Burned.

Elmira, N. Y., June 25.—The theater in Rockville Glen, one mile outside the city, one of the finest summer playhouses in the country, was burned to the ground this morning. Last March the two theaters downtown were destroyed by fire, and this was the only remaining playhouse. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, probably half covered by insurance. The Glen is the property of the Elmira Water, Light and Railroad company, and light opera has been furnished throughout the summer for several years. There is every reason to believe that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Butte Union Aids Colorado Miners.

Butte, Mont., June 25.—The Butte Miners' union will donate \$25,000 to the Colorado miners to assist them in testing the validity of the Colorado supreme court decision which upheld the military government's action in suspending the habeas corpus and at lowering President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners to remain in jail without a charge having been placed against him. The right of Governor Penbody and General Bell to deport miners without a trial will also be tested by the Butte miners.

TO MANASSAS
SEPTEMBER 3

Vermont National Guard Will Go.

WILL BE GIVEN TEN DAYS

It is Probable That a Few Days Previously Will Be Spent at State Grounds.

It is practically settled that the First Vermont Regiment, V. N. G., will leave the state camp grounds near Fort Ethan Allen on Saturday, September 3, for Manassas, Va., where they will take part in the army manoeuvres. They will leave there on Saturday, September 10, and will arrive in Vermont the following Sunday. This will give the troops 10 days under the government arrangement, instead of 15 days, as was originally planned.

While no definite arrangements have been made, it is expected that the regiment will be in camp at the state camp grounds for two or three days previous to leaving for Virginia. The time will be definitely settled when Col. Estey returns to Brattleboro.

LORD TO NOMINATE DEBOER.

Frank Plumley to Name Stanton and W. A. Dutton to Present Bell.

Montpelier, June 24.—It is understood here that W. A. Lord of this city will nominate Joseph A. DeBoer as a Republican candidate for governor before the state convention June 30. It is also reported that Walter A. Dutton of Hardwick will nominate C. J. Bell and that Frank Plumley of Northfield will nominate Zed S. Stanton.

The hotels are getting ready for the Republican district and state conventions, which will be held in this city Wednesday and Thursday. The district convention takes place on Wednesday and the state convention Thursday. Delegates are already writing for rooms and the indications are that there will be close on 500 delegates and others in the city for the two days.

C. J. Bell and Z. S. Stanton, the avowed candidates for governor, have engaged quarters at the Pavilion where they will establish their headquarters. Former Governor John W. Stewart of Middlebury will be the temporary chairman of the state convention which will open in Armory hall at 10 a. m.

DELEGATES DIVIDE.

Three From Windsor are for Bell and One Favors DeBoer.

Windsor, June 24.—At the Republican caucus held in the town hall this afternoon J. C. Enright, M. O. Perkins, Edward Harpin and S. A. Reed were elected delegates to the Republican state convention. The delegates are unopposed and it is understood that three of them favor Bell for governor, and one has a leaning toward DeBoer under certain conditions.

BERLIN'S GRAND LIST.

Slight Increase in Taxable Property Over Last Year.

Berlin's grand list for 1904 is \$5,029,541, in 1903 it was \$5,081,301. This year there are 279 polls and 487 taxpayers.

EAST BARRE.

George Hutchins has had his house painted and the improvement is very noticeable.

Wilbur Cutler and Verne Coleman have returned from a few days' fishing at Highgate Springs.

Mrs. Barker's sister from St. Albans, who is visiting friends on the hill, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. Werner and two children from Burlington have been spending the past week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Scott.

Mrs. Smith has been visiting in Westerville this past week. She is now at the home of Mrs. Robert Gray, her daughter, for a few days.

Mrs. Viall and daughter from New Jersey have been visiting relatives in Barre and here. This past week they spent at the home of her niece, Mrs. Scott.

The long looked for Children's day service in the Congregational church will be held Sunday evening, July 3. A good programme has been planned and we look for a large number there.

At the Congregational church the pastor will preach, morning and evening: Sunday school after the morning service: Christian Endeavor meeting at 8.15. All are cordially invited.

At the Corner Store, Montpelier, today and until Monday at 11 A. M., there'll be on exhibition and sale an import line of silk and jet collars, French garnitures and novelties for fine trimmings. The line is equal of any you'd see in any large city and the price much less. The Parley E. Pope Co., Montpelier.

NEW TRAINS ON
CENTRAL VERMONT

Changes in Running Time of Several of Present Trains—One Change on Wells River Road.

Beginning next Monday there will be several changes in running time and additional trains on the Central Vermont road that will affect Barre. The noon train south at 12.01 will, beginning the first Sunday after the 27th, run to Boston on Sundays as well as week days, and the train now arriving in Barre at 6.40 from Boston will be added to the list of Sunday trains, arriving on Sunday nights at that hour. The train now leaving Barre at 8.35 a. m., for Burlington will leave at 7.55, but going south will leave at 8.55 as usual. The train now leaving at 3.05 in the afternoon will leave at 3.10, and there will be an additional afternoon train south leaving at 6.45 week days and 8.05 on Sunday. The other trains remain the same.

On the Montpelier & Wells River road the train now leaving Barre at 12.45 will leave at 12.30 beginning Monday.

New pocket time cards, giving the hours of departure and arrival of all trains at Barre will be issued by the Times on Monday and copies can be had at both stations and at the Times office.

VERY MUCH SURPRISED.

Mrs. Edwina Spear Presented Check For \$50.

A party of 40 people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spear last evening and at 9 o'clock went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Spear, who were taken entirely by surprise by the suddenness of the onslaught. The visitors were made very much at home and the evening was spent with instrumental music and songs. In behalf of the company Frank G. Howland presented Mrs. Edwina Spear a check for \$50, it being about the sum of money which was stolen from her by a sneak thief a month ago. The friends were greatly amused when Mr. Howland warned Mrs. Spear to put the money in the Barre Savings Bank, lest the thief get to work again.

Mrs. Spear was so overcome by the generosity of her friends that she could not find words for a response. Her brother, Dr. Barber, thanked the friends. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and fruit punch were served.

ON BERLIN STREET.

Angelo Scampini Will Set Up His Merry Go-Round.

Angelo Scampini was given permission Tuesday by the board of aldermen to set up his merry-go-round on Mr. Bolster's lot, next to his new block, but hearing that there was a woman ill across the street and that the noise would be objectionable, Mr. Scampini set about to find another location. He will set up the merry-go-round on the lot opposite his house on Berlin street and expects to have it running by July 1st.

Forerunners of America Elect Officers.

Court Granite City, No. 3, F. of A. held their annual election Thursday night, nearly all the old officers being reelected for another term. They are as follows: C. R. James Yeals; S. C. R. Alex. Stevens; R. S. John Rowley; S. W. Sylvie Card; J. B. Jerome Orrell; S. B. John Forbes; J. B. John Smith; lecturer, John Milne.

THE CHURCH FIELD.

Sunday Services and Social Events of the Week.

There will be no preaching service or Sunday school at the Church of the Good Shepherd tomorrow.

The Swedish Baptist services will be held tomorrow at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Pastor Esberg of Bridgeport, Conn., will be here during the day.

At the Baptist church tomorrow morning the pastor will preach. At the evening service the Rev. G. C. Lamson of Montpelier will preach.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. The Rev. W. S. Wallace of South Ryegate will preach morning and evening.

Christian Science services are held in Nichols' block Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and Wednesday evening at 7.45. The reading room is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 4 o'clock.

At the Methodist Episcopal church the pastor will conduct the services as usual. Morning worship at 10.30, sermon on "The Man of God." Evening worship at 7 o'clock, beginning with a praise service. Bible school at 12, Epworth league, 5.45.

Congregational church. Children's day will be observed by a concert under the auspices of the Sunday school at 10.30 a. m. The rite of infant baptism will be administered. The pastor will preach a short sermon to the children. Evening service at 7. This is the concluding service of the Men's Sunday Evening club in the present series; subject of sermon, "The Christian View of Time." The executive committee of the club is requested to meet immediately after the service.

REDUCTION IN OUTWARD RATES.

\$15.00 to British points.
\$17.00 to German points.
\$30.00 to Scandinavian points.

NOTICE.—During the Summer we close at 6 P. M. except Monday and on Saturday. Open again Saturday evening at 6.00. N. B. Ballard & Co., Insurance and Steamship tickets.

Sowden & Lyon are again headquarters for the best native strawberries in the city, 12 1/2 cents a basket.

FIRST GAME
OF LEAGUE

Barre - Montpelier and Burlington to Meet.

BOTH TEAMS ARE IN SHAPE

Immense Crowd is Expected at Contest, With Train Load From Burlington.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Northern Base Ball league season will be opened with a game between Barre-Montpelier and the Burlington teams, and the new grounds on the Pitkin farm, between this city and Montpelier, will contain the largest crowd that ever assembled in either Barre or Montpelier to witness an athletic contest. The facilities at the park are now fully in shape, both for the players and the spectators. Seats in the grandstand and on the bleachers will accommodate upwards of 3,000 people, and there will be ample room on the sidelines for the overflow. The Burlington team will be followed by a big contingent of rooters, for whom a section on the grandstand has been reserved.

Both the Burlington and the Barre-Montpelier teams are in grand shape to put up a fine exhibition of the national game. Each nine is now complete and each has had the advantage of two practice games to get the players acquainted with each other. Yesterday afternoon the intercity team easily disposed of the picked nine, which it defeated the day before, this time by the score of 17 to 1. Bowcock and Hart, at second and behind the bat, were with the combination for the first time, and strengthened it greatly.

Each of the three pitchers was given a trying out and the picked nine was unable to do anything with them. Johnson also pitched a few innings for the scrubs. The regulars touched him up lively, but Johnson's support was ragged, and no judgment should be made of his pitching by that. Fraser finished the game for the scrubs, and was rather wild. He nearly broke Appearious' forearm with one of his speedy shots and then hammered Capt. Morgan in the back. Neither was a soft tap.

There was some more heavy hitting by the regulars, Morgan swinging the ball over the centerfield fence for a homer, with one man on the bases and the others coming in for extra base taps.

The team will line up as follows this afternoon:

	Burlington.
Intarcity.	Hartman s. s.
Poland r. f.	Hayes 3 b.
Dorman c. s.	Hazel 1 b.
Bomeock 2 b.	Collopy 3 b.
Appearious l. f.	Kerry c. f.
Hart c.	Campbell p. and l. f.
Burke 1 b.	Morgan 3 b.
Morgan 3 b.	Curtin r. f.
Stewart of Sheldon p.	Kling c.
Dresserp	Washburn p.
	McLain p.

HARTMANN INURED.

May Not Be Able to Play for Burlington Today.

Burlington, June 25.—The Burlington team, succeeded without difficulty in shutting out the Massetts of Montreal in the second exhibition game yesterday afternoon, and finished with 13 runs to their credit. The visitors put up a lifeless game from the start, and their errors were many and costly.

The day seemed to be an unlucky one for both teams. In the third inning Shortstop Hartmann was hit in the face by a bounding grounder. It was thought at first that his nose was broken and he was removed from the field, but later it was found that the injury was confined to one eye and it is uncertain whether he can play at Montpelier today. His place was taken by Campbell who had no chance to distinguish himself.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Harry Pattee has been made captain of the St. Albans team.

It will be a hot afternoon, and fortunate will be those to secure seats in the grandstand.

The report that teams would not be allowed on the ball grounds today is not true, as they will be.

It is probable that Washburn, the old Brown university star, will put them over for the visitors today.

St. Albans and Plattsburg, between whom there is none too kindly a feeling, open the league season at St. Albans today.

Barre fans will be glad to see their old favorite, "Bill" Hazleton, who plays first base for the Queen city aggregation today. "Bill" made many friends when he was with the 1897 Barre team.

The M. & W. R. R. will run a special train to the grounds from this city for 15 cents, round trip ticket, leaving at two o'clock. The same railroad will run a special from Montpelier for only 10 cents, round trip.

"Bobbie" Brown, Rutland's third baseman, was the first man to report in that city, and he arrived Thursday night. Rutland will play an exhibition game with Fair Haven, and Cariveau, last year with Rutland, will pitch.